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EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS YO
SUBJ: FMS CASE -- CROWD CONTROL EQUIPMENT FOR YUGOSLAVIA

1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED TMAT GOY IS SEEKING TO PURCHASE VARIOUS KINDS OF CROWD CONTROL EQUIPMENT FROM SMITH AND WESSON FOR PURPOSES OF TESTING BY YUGOSLAV FEDERAL POLICE AND THAT APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE IS BEING HELD UP PENDING DETERMINATION THAT EQUIPMENT WILL NOT BE USED FOR INDISCRIMINATE SUPPRESSION PURPOSES. WE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON LOCAL CONDITIONS FOR THOSE WHO WILL MAKE FINAL DETERMINATION ON THE PURCHASE REQUEST:
-- THERE IS NO REPEAT NO RECENT HISTORY OF INDISCRIMINATE USE OF ANY SORT OF CROWD CONTROL EQUIPMENT BY YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES AT ANY LEVEL.
-- WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SEVERAL PRISON DEMONSTRATIONS, THERE IS NO REPEAT NO RECENT HISTORY OF UNRULY CROWD MANIFESTATIONS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. EVEN YUGOSLAV SPORTS AUDIENCES ARE RELATIVELY TAME BY WEST EUROPEAN, SOUTH AMERICAN AND US STANDARDS.
-- THE VALUE OF THE EQUIPMENT REQUESTED APPEARS RELATIVELY SMALL. ACCORDINGLY, THE PURPOSE GIVEN WOULD APPEAR LEGITIMATE.

2. BASED ON ABOVE WE BELIEVE THERE IS NO REASON TO
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DENY PERMISSION FOR THE SALE, AND WE RECOMMEND THAT
PURCHASE BE APPROVED.
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